

End of March

The Ground Floor Youth Room went through a major rearrangement, which now allows clearer (and more comfortable) separation between our preschool/early-elementary-aged patrons and our tweens/teens. The board game collection, which is now easily seen and accessed, has been receiving a lot more interaction.

We've used interest in the board games as a conversation-starter for our upcoming 'Library of Things' collection, which along with the lendable felt boards will eventually include simple instruments, outdoor sports equipment, STEM kits, and toys. We're in the process of prototyping components of the lendable 'Things'.

April

The focus for April has been our *Early Earth Day* programming. Dale and I are collaborating with the Beattie-Powers Place. We had 10 participants on our first programming day and 16 participants on our second. I believe more collaborative programming like this will be successful.

The Catskill Central School District was on break the week of April 10th. During this time we saw a significant increase in attendance during our regular programming. We also saw an overall increase in daily visitors (I'm told we had lines every morning outside the Ground Floor entrance!). This indicates that it may be the timing of our programming that is keeping new patrons away, rather than disinterest. We will be changing the days and times of some of our regular programming to make attendance easier for families. For example, *Lego Club*, which has been on Mondays at 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM, will be on Tuesdays from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM starting in May. We hope this will allow families to work around school buses and work schedules.

We continue to work on our 2023 Summer Reading plans in the Youth Services Department. I've met with the staff who will be working on Summer Reading with me. We've divided up duties and the next step is to start prepping. Dale and I are also working on multi-generational programming as well as community partnerships.

Upcoming

May: Regular programming (with some adjusted times) and Summer Reading prep will continue. We will be bringing one of our regular CPL programs, *Fairytale Science Club*, to Palenville at the end of May.